

INIVNCTIONS SET DOVVN

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BVRGH TO BE OBSERVED BY THE STABLERS WITHIN THE
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IMPRIMIS, There shall be appointed by the Provest, Baillies and Counsell foure honest men Stablers, who shall be called Poast-masters, who being receaved & sworne shall serve the Kings whole leiges within this Burgh, and repairing thereto at all times when they shall be required by any of the Kings leiges with sufficient horse and furniture thereto, for the pryces and hyre following, To wit.

Item every person that hyres any horse shall declare to the Poastmaster how far he is to ryde, and shall pay pennies for ilk myle of that journey out-ward, Sommer and Winter, and at his lighting if he deliver the horse to the awner or awners servant to be free of further charge of the horse for that journey: And incase he keepe or detene the horse that night, and returne back the second or third day upon the said horse paying the horse and boyes charges, he shall be no farther astricted of paymant but the outward hyre onely; the journey being twentie myles at least, and if he detene the horse any longer, to pay sixe shillings aught pennies ilk day, with the horse and boyes charges.

Item if any person hyre an horse for aught myles or within, if he please either to quite the horse there at his lighting or returne thereon that same night, provyding he stay not above halfe ane day, he shall be free paying pennies for ilk myle. But if he detene him all that day, he shall pay for that dayes journey a mark, and if he detene him all night, he shall pay a mark with the horse and mans charges, provyding he ride no further nor 8. myles, and ilk day that he detenes the horse longer, he shall pay vi shillings viij d. with horse and boyes charges.

Item ilk person that hyres any horse for any journey of fourtie myles, if he returne and redeliver the horse to the awner or Poast-master or their servants upon the fourth night after the resait of the said horse, he shall be free for the outward hyre of pennies for ilk myle, he paying the horse and mans charges. And incase he retene the horse any longer, he shall pay vi shillings viij d. for ilk day, with the horse and mans charges. And if the journey be threescore myles, the person hyrer of the horse shall be subject to deliver the horse upon the vi day. And if the journey be fourescore of myles, upon the eight day, and if it be fivescore of myles, upon the tenth day and so foorth accordingly as the journey shall be more or les, and shall pay onely pennies for ilk myle of any of the foresaids journeys outward, with the horse and mans charges. And if the persons hyrers detene the horse any longer in any journey nor is above set downe, shall pay for ilk day vi shillings viij d. with the horse and mans charges ay and while the delivery of the said horse.

Item, if any man come to hyre an horse being unknowne or suspect of unsufficiencie; it shall be lesome to the Poast-master to crave caution for the delivery of the horse, and payment of the hyre.

Item, it shall not be lesome to no Stablers nor keepers of horse within this burgh, or sub-urbs thereof, to set their horse far or neer for hyre, but by consent of one of the Poast-masters, under the paine of tinsel of their hyre and prisonement of their persons at the will of the Magistrats.

Item every person that hyres an horse, shall be subject to ryde journey ryding onely, & no galloping for spoyling of mens horse, and if any person shall be tryed and found to have done the samine either myle or halfe myle or above, hee shall pay an unlaw of 40 shillings to the awners of the horse; and if the horse be spoiled thereby, he shall pay the valour and price of the said horse. The price of the said horse being tryed by the Baillies.

Item, the saids Poast-masters shall be bound to receave and observe all articles, statuts and injunctions to be set down and given to them in any time hereafter by the Provest, Baillies and Counsell.

Item, the saids Poast-masters shall be obleist to furnish the King whole leiges at all times with sufficient horse and horse geare, & shall observe and keep the whole injunctions given and set down to them as said is, under the paine of five pounds so oft as they failzie, & farther punishment of their person at the will of the Magistrats.

Item, the saids Poast-masters shall have for their paines and travels & onwaiting for serving the Kings leiges as said is, of ilk twenty shillings of hyre silver twelve pennies to be payed by the awners of the horse at the payment of the hyre.

